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LABOR WIN IN BRITAIN

War Vehicles 'Double Deal'

Manufacturers Buying Them Back for Re-Sale from War Assets Corp.

35% OF VALUE

Soldiers Taken for Ride Says Legion Sec'y—Can't Buy Trucks Direct

OTTAWA (CPA)—A hot protest against the "double deal" in war vehicles was made at an Ottawa meeting Thursday of last week by George E. Collins, Legion secretary. His story, which failed to get past the editorial desks of leading local dailies, was that the original manufacturers of trucks, station wagons and buses, lorries and other vehicles, are now buying them back at 35 per cent of their market value from War Assets Corporation, and making a "second sale" to the public.

"Veterans are having to buy goods already paid for by the government, goods they need to get started again in civilian business," Mr. Collins said. "And they aren't getting any preference except from a few individual dealers."

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PERSONAL STUFF

BY

E. E. R.

MOST of the youngsters with whom we went to school in Sydney learned to swim when they were very young. Nobody taught them. They went to the shore with the older boys, started by paddling themselves around with a piece of board under their chests and all of a sudden learned that they could keep afloat without the board. That was all there was to it. There was nobody to teach us any of the fancy strokes, or how to develop speed, but with an old-fashioned breast stroke and using our legs like a frog does when he swims, we could keep afloat in the salt water for a long time and cover considerable distances without getting tired. It was interesting to us, therefore, when we went to Ingonish and found that boys much older than ourselves either couldn't swim at all, or very little. They were practically brought up on the water. They could handle boats from the time they could walk. They were scarcely into their teens before they started fishing, handlining for cod with their fathers, or tending the lobster traps. Many of them, like my own father, shipped as boys in fishing schooners to spend the summer on the Grand Banks and later roamed the world as sailors. But they'd never learn to swim.

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One of our chief sources of pleasure on vacations was swimming, and I don't suppose we were in Ingonish many hours, when we went there for our holidays, before we were paddling around in the cove. The beach was perfect. The tide went out a long way leaving a great expanse of hard-packed sand. And this was where the people in that part of the village got their fresh water. I don't

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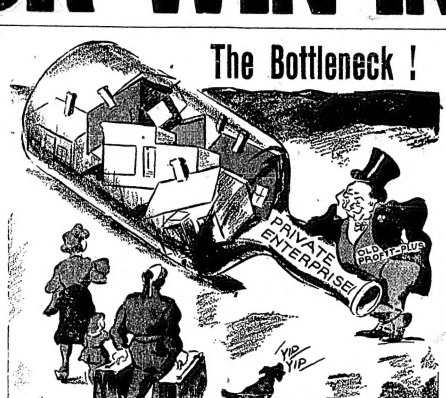
The Bottleneck !



A national housing plan should have been set up long ago to be financed and controlled by the people based on serving need, not making profit, Hon. J. W. Corman, K.C., Attorney-general in the CCF Saskatchewan government, told Hon. J. L. Ilsley, Dominion Minister of Finance in a recent letter. Mr. Corman's letter pointed out that the finance minister had been reported as telling Canadian insurance companies that they must enter into financing of housing construction, and urged Mr. Ilsley to act on the resolution of the Saskatchewan legislature last winter which urged the federal government "to do what has been done in Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand, nationalize or socialize post-war house-building." The Saskatchewan attorney general saw in Mr. Ilsley's warning to the mortgage companies "proof there is something wrong other than short supply of labor and materials."

So You Want To Build Under The National Housing Act ?

By Special Correspondent

Perhaps you are one of the thousands of people who at last, sees, in the National Housing Act, the answer to that dream of a home of your own.

If you have read the government advertisements and listened to the campaign speeches, telling you just how simple it is to get a loan under the N.H.A., you may be saving up for that $400 cash payment which you think will enable you to borrow another $3600 and build that little ultra-modern bungalow of your dreams.

Now this is not written to throw cold water on your dreams, but before you sell the old family jalopy and pawn your fur coat for a down payment, analyze this so-called National Housing Act.

First there is a common misconception that you have only to provide 10 per cent and the government loans the balance. Nothing could be further from the truth.

You deal exclusively with a loan company, usually an insurance company, which considers your application for a loan—much like applying for any other mortgage. When your loan has been approved

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18-Point Program For N.S. Election

SYDNEY—An 18-point provincial program for the forthcoming Nova Scotia election will soon be under discussion by C.C.F. clubs and district councils, the original draft of which formed an important subject of debate at the provincial council meeting in Sydney, July 9th.

SASK. GOV'T ASKS WAR BUILDINGS TO TRAIN FOR PEACE

REGINA—That military buildings in Saskatchewan be turned over to the provincial government for agricultural and technical training of returned servicemen was suggested by Hon. J. H. Sturdy, minister of reconstruction, in representations to the Royal Commission on Veterans' Qualifications when hearings were opened in Regina. The province was planning to establish machine shops in such buildings at Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert, Mr. Sturdy said.

Want Machine Tools

The Provincial Government asked that war surplus machine tools be given or sold to the province to implement this plan.

All crown lands in Saskatchewan have been set aside for use by returned men, Mr. Sturdy revealed, and already 1,000 economic farm units are available for immediate settlement.

A great need for agricultural courses for servicemen had been indicated by the number who had been turned down because of lack of knowledge, the minister said. The army training centre at Prince Albert had been picked as the site for such an agricultural school to train ex-servicemen, but as the need grew, similar schools could be established at other points.

HAS BIG MAJORITY IN NEW PARLIAMENT

The British Labor Party has won a smashing victory in the general election held on July 5. The party will have a large majority in the new House of Commons At the time of going to press 376 Labor candidates had been elected in the house of 640. Conservatives had elected 181, Liberals 10 and a number of smaller groups had taken a few seats, including 3 for Independent Labor Party, 2 for the Common Wealth Party and two Communists. There were still about 45 doubtful or deferred results.

Resignation of Mr. Churchill's government will take place immediately and Hon. Clement Attlee, Labor Party Leader, will be called upon to form a government. Mr. Attlee will take Mr. Churchill's place at the Big Three Conference.

REFUNDING DEAL MADE BY ALBERTA

Lower Interest Rate to Be Paid Under New 35-Year Agreement

WITH FEDERAL HELP

Terms of Scheme Are Highly Advantageous to the Bondholders

"If by the exercise of some occult powers and a cold, calculating ingenuity, the holders of Alberta bonds had been able to plan this outcome of the debt situation, they could not have devised a scheme more favorable to themselves", said Elmer E. Roper, C.C.F. Leader in the Alberta legislature, in speaking on the second reading of the bill providing for the refunding of the debt of the province in the special session on Wednesday.

While giving assent to the terms of the scheme as they relate to future interest payments, the C.C.F. member showed that the bondholders, particularly those whose debenture holdings had matured between 1936 and 1945, were receiving practically the full amount of the contract rate of in-

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TRESTRAILS IN B. C. TOO SAYS HAROLD WINCH

A. B. Trestrail and Gladstone Murray in Ontario have their counterparts in British Columbia, was charged by Harold Winch, MLA, leader of the official opposition in the B.C. Legislature, in the course of a CJOR broadcast Monday evening.

Since 1941, he asserted, two organizations have been incorporated in B.C. whose objectives are very general and whose backing remain anonymous due to the subterfuges employed in registering these organizations under the provincial Societies Act.

Winch named the Industrial Association of British Columbia and the British Columbia Federation of Trade and Industry.

"They are," Winch charged, "organized to do a similar job to

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Australian Premier

JOSEPH BENEDICT CHIFLEY, former railroader, who succeeds the late John Curtin as Prime Minister of Australia.

GOOD SUPPORT FOR SASK. CCF PAPER

REGINA — Members of the C.C.F. in Saskatchewan, friends and supporters as far away as Nova Scotia, British Columbia and California, have responded magnificently to the Saskatchewan Commonwealth's appeal for share capital during the last few months, Editor Fred C. Williams revealed here.

During the last membership year, ending in May, $17,749 in capital stock was subscribed, largely by Saskatchewan C.C.F. members. From the end of May until the end of last week approximately $5,000 in shares was purchased, making a total of nearly $23,000.

Many Shareholders

At present there are 1,236 individual shareholders in the Saskatchewan Commonwealth, and every day dozens of applications are coming in.

The total assets of The C.C.F. Publishing and Printing Co. now stand at a value of $80,000. These include a modern newspaper and job printing plant and a large building in downtown Regina which would be suitable for printing a daily paper if and when that becomes feasible. The total number of employees is now 14, including both the Commonwealth and printing staffs. Four years ago the total assets did not exceed $2,000 and there were two employees.

After the Battle

By Dr. W. H. Alexander

IT IS NOT often that a competent account of a Rugby football game can be written by a participant; the reasons are obvious. It does not follow that every spectator, or even any spectator, can provide it, but there may be a better chance that he can. This is what induces me to try,—this, and a promise made lightly and easily in the editorial rooms of the People's Weekly a month or so ago. When you-all were voting, anxiously and hopefully, on the 11th of June, I was looking on, not casually either, nor without interest, but dispassionately and judicially to some degree. Now that it is all well over, perhaps you will tolerate a word of review about Canada's federal election of June, 1945, as it appeared to me.

I crossed the continent from San Francisco to New York City, and then turned north to Montreal; from that date, May fourteenth, to election day, my trip lay across Central Canada, that is, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, until I found myself in Edmonton on election day itself. I did much talking with a great variety of persons all the way across, and I came to these conclusions.

First, the Liberals were really scared; I don't know why, as it must have been quite clear, even to a Liberal, that whoever was elected from Quebec and under whatever name, would never flock with a Coldwell or a Bracken. None the less they were scared, and did much wishful thinking about the English-speaking vote.

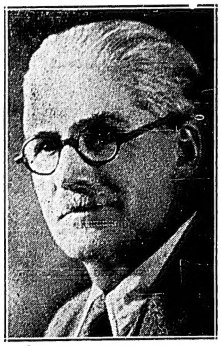
Second, a great many people (about three out of every five of the persons I talked with) were going to vote Liberal, though disgustedly; their slogan was: "Hold your nose and vote for King."

Third, and I invite attention to this, most of my informants felt that the C.C.F. would fall far below any possibility of forming a government; they simply couldn't see where the seats were coming from. The highest guess I encountered was 55. The vital question was: Would the C.C.F. have the balance of power rather than Quebec? And, to be frank, a majority of my conferees appeared to prefer that Quebec should. Poor taste, I think, but I'm retailing facts as I encountered them.

Fourthly, while most of my people felt that the C.C.F. would be floating on a receding tide in Ontario, not one envisaged an electoral rout as complete as that which took place, with the unfortunate result (with all due apologies to Mr. Gillis of N.S.) of leaving the C.C.F. a purely western party as far as the House of Commons is concerned, and the thing which counts in Canadian politics is seats in the House. Wise old Liberals told me secretly that the C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan had done pretty well and that the C.C.F. would stand firm in that province. Equally wise old Albertans of both parties told me that the Larger Lunacy would in Alberta carry twelve seats and perhaps fifteen, even though elsewhere in Canada they carried nothing but cash to the returning officer. Jim MacKinnon and Art Smith were reckoned likely to escape the deluge, no others.

I think I was being pretty well informed all along the way, don't you?

Well, the voters have had their say: what about it all? I want to philosophize a bit over the C.C.F. showing and gather together some salient facts and opinions that should be taken into account in assessing the election results.



DR. W. H. ALEXANDER, better known to Albertans as "Dokalik", who now resides in Berkeley, California, visited Edmonton last month. While here the P. W. extracted a promise from him to write an article. "After the Battle" is the first of what is hoped will be a series from the pen of this old friend of the P.W.

Terrible Hangover

First, the C.C.F. are suffering from a terrible hangover; I doubt if it is yet dissipated. In some way, incomprehensible to me, they seem in large numbers to have persuaded themselves that they could, at the worst, share in a three-way split with Liberals and Progressive Conservatives, and they proceeded to throw a big party before the election with that idea in mind. There were at least two objections to its so working out.

First, the majority of Canadians didn't want a three-way split, not at this time any way; the average man enjoys politics only at election time.

Second, - C.C.F.ers continue, with remarkable persistence, to overlook the fact that capitalism is an old and exceedingly well-entrenched economic system. Robert S. Lynd, writing in the New Republic on April 16th last says:

"The central blind spot of the liberal is his misjudgment of the dynamics of organized power in capitalist society. This renders him endlessly gullible as he adds up social legislation into 'progress'. Fascinated by movement on his own side, he fails to observe the counter-movements in the conservative camp. Big business power, despite and because of its setbacks since 1929, is today better organized and more aroused and formidable than ever before. It knows its danger, and both in Britain and America, it does not intend to lose."

I should like every word of that closely pondered. If that takes place, there will never again be such a gay C.C.F. party, but never again such a hangover.

Not the Time or Place

Second, you can (and in this case, I think, must) build up a party of reform and social change by study clubs and education in the intervals, but a great federal campaign is no place for education, not if winning the election means anything to you. The best work of a university is surely done in the classrooms, but California doesn't beat Stanford (or vice versa) on the football field by being able to prove logically that the incontrovertibility of the opposite is a serious flaw in the claim of any proposition to be considered truth. The average rooter (or voter) can't understand that, but he knows that the team with the most points wins, and he likes to win. Maybe he shouldn't, but he does. A great deal of the C.C.F. advertising was good educationally, provided people would take time to read it, but poor politically, and the situation was political.

Too Many Teachers!

Third, the C.C.F. (like Social Credit, so help me!) has too many teachers and preachers (active and ex-) in its upper brackets; the average citizen is allergic to both groups. If the C.C.F. could just get a few big business men, or even some sound little ones, on its candidate lists, it would begin to go places. But I rather guess it won't, being the foe of "free competition," and that complicates the problem seriously. All this is plain facts and no fooling. I have been a teacher long enough to know that the public has very little confidence in your teaching even in your own specialty, and none whatever when you try to teach it in any other line. The way it pays (or fails to pay) teachers and preachers is proof enough of that. Of course it's all right for an ex-teacher or ex-preacher to be a Liberal, or, more rarely, a Prog. Con., but that's different, isn't it? Sure, sure.

Effective Group in House

Now for some more amiable remarks. (1) Don't overlook the fact that the C.C.F. has increased its standing in the House of Commons from 10 to 28; it really should have 41, and would have, except for the Larger Lunacy already referred to as endemic in Alberta. An effectively led group of 28, and Mr. Coldwell can be depended on for that, will be very unpleasant for Willie King in Canada's next parliament, and none knows it better than the said Willie, who will not bother much about a Bracken or a Blackmore, still less about a Low, but more about Coldwell. If the C.C.F. parliamentary representation continues its sound policy of having its individual members specialize on some field of economics and governmental administration, it will earn the respect of parliament (as far as it is intelligent) and the country. I hope the C.C.F. members in parliament will not waste any time fighting over the last campaign again; they were well licked and cannot argue themselves out of that, so why not go on to the next thing?

800,000 Approve New Way

(2) Don't forget that about 800,000 or more people voted for C.C.F. candidates. Further, most of these 800,000 had to decide individually and personally to vote for candidates favoring a very new and very radical outlook on society. One voter in every six in Canada made up his mind to register approval of the New Way. The rest of the voters, to the extent of about ninety-nine per cent, were Liberals or Conservatives either through the chance of the family into which they were born, or through fear of social, political, and economic experimentation. C.C.F. voters used their minds and their wills and elected to be different.

A Pretty Big Boy

(3) Try to remember from time to time that the C.C.F. was formed only in 1932 (I was there myself and saw it happen), and that really it's a pretty big boy for its thirteen years. The men, most of them, who were leading the cohorts in this election, hadn't even heard of the doctrine of profit for use superseding production for profit and other fundamental doctrines like that ten years ago. It takes a lot longer to learn to speak common sense effectively (that is, vote-getting-ly) than it does to acquire the art of re-chewing ancient baloney for the same purpose, and Canadian voters are so much accustomed to the baloney diet; lots of them, several millions still, prefer baloney to anything else on the bill of fare.

Returned Men's Votes

(4) Don't forget that the overseas vote went heavily C.C.F., even to the extent of dishing Mr. King in his own constituency, which he didn't like at all, being barely able to conceal his chagrin. If the C.C.F. plays its proper role and plays it well, it should have the great majority of the returned men's vote next time.

Because it's the 1950 election that will count, not this wartime scrabble. In five years' time capitalism in Canada will undoubtedly have fallen down again and gone "Boom" and unemployment and worse, for which the Liberals have no remedy in their book, will be stalking the streets. Then the battle-line will be really set for a knock 'em down and drag 'em out struggle. If the C.C.F. has kept its temper, learned how votes are got, has organized to get them, has not been too academic or too hot gospelly, it will be at least the second great force in Canadian public life.

I would like to say the first, and it is barely possible, but I cannot, for the life of me, see how any party can form the government of Canada that has not either the control of Quebec or a good share of its 65 votes in the Commons. As, obviously, no honorable C.C.F. proposition can be made which would appeal to voters dominated by reaction, fascism, and clericalism, and as, with equal obviousness, the voters of Quebec cannot be ignored except in pipe-dreams, I cannot see how the C.C.F., holding the views it does, which are of course its blood and sinew, can become the government of Canada, unless indeed some issue arises which would cause the Maritimes to arouse themselves from their Rip Van Winkleism and do some modern thinking. But the effort to envisage the Maritimes doing this is too much for my imagination, and I succumb at that point.

I hope this appraisal starts a full-sized row. Personally of course, I would be in the position of Finnegan who threw the dead cat into the O'Flaherty's front yard with a ticket around its neck "With the Compliments of Yer Nabors, the Sullivans," and then climbed up into a tree to see the Irish go into action over the corpse. It wasn't very courageous of Finnegan, but it was fine practice for the O'Flahertys and the Sullivans. And I still love you all so much (I'm not so sure that it's mutual) that I want to see you kept in practice.

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THE BRITISH ELECTION- - Aftermath

By Kenneth C. Rathbone

CPA European Correspondent

THE "Fuhrer Prinzip" (the leader principle) was the chief tactic of the Conservative Party in the British general election.

Every constituency was dominated by large poster pictures of Winston Churchill and "Let Him Finish the Job." Conservative candidates seemed to take second place, and remain almost unknown in their own constituencies.

The Conservatives made every attempt to obscure the fact that the election was being held to determine the government and policies of Great Britain for the next five years. They endeavored to turn the whole proceedings into a thanksgiving offering to Winston Churchill—"the great leader".

Nazi Technique

Conservative propaganda was strikingly similar to that which is generally used by Nazis and Fascists. A leader, a few catchword slogans, vicious and unscrupulous misrepresentation of opponents—but nowhere a clear and detailed statement of Conservative policy. Due no doubt to the fact that on many questions the Conservatives have no policy, and on others their policy is such that they dare not reveal it openly before the election.

Gutter Journalism

The "Daily Express" (of the Beaverbrook group of newspapers) distinguished itself by some of the lowest type of gutter journalism ever seen in Britain. In fact it went to such excess in this that many believe it has harmed the Conservative cause it sought to assist.

Lord Beaverbrook is a product of Canada which many British people would like to return to Canada, and without thanks for the use.

Colossal Failure

Churchill's demonstration at Walthamstow was a colossal failure, and did not attain Nuremberg proportions. He spoke in a stadium which had a capacity for 50,000 people, but only had an audience which has been estimated at approximately 5,000. He was booed and jeered. His unfriendly references to the Labor leaders in his former Cabinet (especially Herbert Morrison) were greeted with howls of protest which almost amounted to pandemonium at times. As usual, Churchill could not take it, and seemed to get rather annoyed.

Many Lost Vote

Many people were unable to vote owing to the fact that their names were missing from the hastily compiled new register. Had the Conservative Party heeded the Labor request for an October election more time would have been allowed to produce a proper register. The present one was hurriedly compiled from ration book registers, etc. Some people who had moved their homes two or three times had votes in each place, whereas others were omitted altogether. There was nothing dishonest about these omissions, and all parties suffered.

The Lighter Side

The election was not without its humor or its lighter side, but the lighter side was often very cutting.

One Socialist journal reported the fact that Himmler's brain had been brought to Britain for examination by specialists. It added the comment that many believed that Dr. Goebbels' brain had also been brought to Britain and was being used by the Conservative propaganda department.

A cartoon in the Liberal (Left-wing) "News Chronicle" was divided into two parts. First, a grocer's shop with the shopkeeper telling his customers—"If you want potatoes you got to take 2 pounds of peas." (A reference to an unscrupulous practice of some shopkeepers in wartime). The other half was a Conservative meeting with the caption—"If you want Churchill you got to take the Conservatives."

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HOUSING

Housing right now is a national problem, not only in Canada, but all over the world. It always was a social problem, but the war has brought it to a crisis. It was not for the lack of solution either that housing has remained such a pressing problem. No more so than health or education. It's simply because under the profit economy scarce houses are more profitable than an abundance of them. There was always more money in rents from slums than from building houses for people with small incomes. So, it stayed a problem. The war has only brought it out to the fore, like many other things. And now, there is a big hue and cry about it. Well, that's the first sign that we are nearing the time when some day effective means will be taken to solve it. But not yet. A lot of prejudice has to be overcome, a lot of stirring must take place in the public mind before we embark on the proper way to provide adequate housing for all. It almost needs a revolution. It will come, though, sooner or later.

Here and there a start has been made towards mass production of housing. Most of us still think of houses as something that must be done the way our forefathers did it: nails and two-by-fours. Unfortunately, the great need of dwellings cannot be solved by these antiquated methods. Housing is due for a revolutionary change in materials and methods of production. Only such changes can make houses available to all who need them. Something like the Ford car. Mass production on the assembly line is the answer. Models in houses for different incomes, much like cars—and why not? Once in a while some engineer makes public something amazing about how housing costs can be reduced by new materials and new methods. I bet my shirt that if winning of the war depended on the production of 100,000 housing units in 12 months—it would be done. Just like Canadians amazed themselves when they turned out war machines in quantities that were considered impossible.

This is something like how it would be done: There would be a great publicity campaign in the press and the radio about how essential it is for national well-being to have so many houses. Then a Housing loan would be launched, perhaps for one and a half billion dollars. Engineers from closing war plants would be engaged to draw up plans for a house costing, say $2,000. Scientists would be set to test the best and most inexpensive materials suitable. Great plants would be erected in suitable positions to provide raw materials. Sub-assembly plants would be built and assembly plants where the unit would be packaged for delivery on a flatcar or a truck, designed for the purpose. Houses would come off the line like trucks or dive bombers.

No, that's not a pipe dream. That's the way they build houses already in England in the state aircraft plants, reconditioned for such production. Yes, they build them of aluminum too. A start has been made in Montreal too. The thin wedge for mass housing has been already driven in. Lots of hammering remains to be done. Just as in the case of national health services and other social security measures, lots of prejudice must be broken down. Powerful private interests must be subdued. Maybe a C.C.F. government must be elected. Just the same it will be done and we can speed the day. But, oh, if only the winning of a war depended on a lot of houses instead of dive bombers, it would be done so much quicker!

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TORIES LIKED HITLER

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Appropos of the letter in your last issue from Mr. S. T. Sheppard mentioning some of the nice things Mr. Churchill said about Hitler before the war, your readers may be interested in an article appearing in a British paper recently about Mr. Churchill's son-in-law, Duncan Sandys, who is a member of the "caretaker" cabinet.

Among the many statements quoted from an article written in 1936 by Mr. Sandys for the German paper, "Europaische Revue", and which are startling as one reads them now, is the following: "Germany declares that she requires a powerful armed force for self-defence. Why should the foreigner doubt her sincerity? She can point to the fact that she is surrounded by heavily armed nations. She can also draw attention to the growing military powers of the Soviets. . . . If the strength of the German Wehrmacht would help in any way to prevent Soviet Russia from supporting her cunning propaganda abroad by force, then, indeed, Germany renders a service to civilization which may demand recognition".

The British Tories liked Hitler.

C. H. CHARLES.

Edmonton.

SEEKS EXPLANATION

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: There was a good reason for the Trestrail campaign of lies, but who can explain the Trades and Labor Congress attitude? Why should this organization go on record as favoring the re-election of the Liberals?

How can the C.C.F., the people's party, ever expect to gain power when organized labor is advised by their moguls to maintain the friends of the "enterprising freebooters" in power? If the enlightened union worker cannot vote for his own benefit, how can the unorganized worker or farmer be expected to do so?

Perhaps some reader can explain this to me.

F. H. PAGE.

Chin, Alberta.

TRESTRAILS

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Trestrail's, not only in propaganda but in being an indirect means of financing Liberals and Conservatives, whether they be known as such or whether they operate under the alias of a Coalition government."

An Old Trick

Turning to the two B.C. organizations, the Industrial Association of British Columbia and the British Columbia Federation of Trade and Industry, the C.C.F. spokesman said that it was impossible to tell who was behind them from a check up of their incorporation papers. Their declarations as required under the Societies Act are signed only by a barrister and stenographers.

"This is an old trick," Winch said. "Whenever a group of persons want to organize a society and keep the controlling influence in the background, they merely go to a lawyer, pay his fee and have him incorporate the company, utilizing unknown names."

For example, Winch cited the Industrial Association of British Columbia. Its objects are very general but its name is such as to definitely infer that it is an association of industrialists in this province. **The association's declaration of incorporation is signed by two lawyers and three stenographers.**

Stenographers as Employers!

"The signatures of the three stenographers," Winch said, "is amusing when we note that clause one of the declaration, dealing with the admission of members and their rights and obligations, states that 'any employer of labor in the province of British Columbia, whether an individual or a corporation, shall be eligible for membership in the association.'

"Since when," Winch asked, "did a stenographer become an employer?" Are we being unfair when we ask the Industrial Association whether or not stenographers' names are merely a front?

"The C.C.F. suggests it is about time that the Societies Act was revised so as to make it mandatory for such associations to make public knowledge of their supporters and objectives."

Clause B of the objectives of the Federation of Trade and Industry was "the perpetuation of the system of free enterprise," and Winch revealed that it was ostensibly formed by a Mr. Young and four stenographers.

"We wonder if the two associations are just another example of evading the purposes of the Societies Act, to protect the people controlling these organizations and perhaps do a similar job to that done by A. B. Trestrail.

Some Pertinent Questions

"The C.C.F.," he said, "wanted to ask the B.C. Federation of Trade and Industry a lot of questions.

"Is it correct, that in the interest of maintaining the Liberals and Conservatives, or Coalitionists, in office, they expend money at election time for campaign purposes?

"Would they know anything about 25 B.C. companies paying more than half-a-million dollars in the last federal campaign to support the Liberals and Conservatives, and did any of it go through the Federation of Trade and Industry?

"Would the Federation be prepared to state whether or not one company in this province, controlled by American capital, put up $100,000 in the last federal campaign, and whether or not any of it went through the Federation of Trade and Industry?

"There is a provincial election in the offing," Winch concluded, "and we suggest to the voters of this province that they watch carefully the endeavors which will be made to stop the C.C.F. from forming the government.

"When they hear the flowery oratory of Big Business stooges over the air and read the large advertisements, they should note their sources and remember Osborne-Dempster in Ontario and Trestrail in the last federal election."

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By H. ZELLA SPENCER

YES, I am glad to tell any of you who may remember I was commenting on the need of rain, that we have had some here. I hope all other parts which were needing it were as fortunate. Of course by this time we are, like Oliver Twist, asking for more.

But, important as is the subject of the weather with us country people, our minds do travel elsewhere. Probably we are all the same in that some phrase or sentence or idea we have read keeps coming to our mind again and again. Perhaps we have read some well-worn truth, but put in such a manner that it causes one to think the more on it and also possibly makes for a new "slant" on it.

For instance, I came across this statement. "The three stages of human growth are dependence—childhood; independence—adolescence; interdependence— maturity. It made me wonder if they were not the three stages of our social or political concept of life. And I wondered if our C.C.F. conception was not more mature than some of the more noisy adolescent conceptions we hear voiced so loudly.

Is there not a connection between this individual enterprise we hear stressed so continually as being the highest ideal of life for which to strive, and this adolescent stage of independence? The principle of both is the thought of self, of "I and Mine." That seems to be the keynote of life.

The more mature stage is that of interdependence. With that must come co-operative effort if it is to function at its best. The keynote of life then becomes "Us and Ours". As we know, no chain is stronger than its weakest link and no society can claim to have flowered as it should until all have the opportunity, until all are developed.

There are some who seem to think that by including others in our concept of life, in our social plans, that we are going to lose our own personality. On the contrary, is it not then that we shall fully develop, when all can, and do, make their contribution?

A horrible picture is painted of the necessary planning for this interdependence to be a gain instead of a loss. The cry of regimentation is raised. If instead of being seized with hysteria about social planning, which is necessary if we are not to have pandemonium, people stopped to think and to realize that it exists today in every phase of our social life, and must increase as our world dwindles in size, it would be wiser. The question merely is, are we going to do it ourselves or are we to be at the mercy of the planning of others who are doing it for their personal gain instead of for service?

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LABOR'S GREAT VICTORY

LABOR'S victory in Britain reached overwhelming proportions not expected by the most optimistic well-wishers of the Party in this country. Although taking with the proverbial grain of salt the predictions of Tory news dispatches of a sure Conservative win, it was scarcely expected that the Labor Party could obtain more than a bare majority. It was even thought that the Party might be in the same position as it found itself in 1929 when it took office with a minority group dependent on Liberal support.

Although the election was decided primarily on the record and program of the two leading parties, with the electors giving solid support to the socialist proposals of the Labor Party, the type of campaign conducted by the Tories, under the direction of the Canadian Lord Beaverbrook, undoubtedly influenced the result in Labor's favor. Beaverbrook in the Trestrail role, conducted through his newspapers a campaign against the Labor Party and its leaders which was an exact counterpart of the campaign in Canada against the C.C.F. Mr. Churchill destroyed his own great prestige by endorsing the Beaverbrook tactics.

The Labor win is indicative of the Leftward swing throughout the world.

THE REFUNDING SCHEME

WITH the help of the federal Minister of Finance the Alberta government has at last effected a refunding scheme that will restore the credit of the province which was destroyed by the succession of defaults which began in 1936.

With respect to future rates of interest the refunding deal is advantageous to the province. The average rate on the $113,000,000 involved in the new agreement will be approximately 3½ per cent. This is claimed by the government to be the lowest average in the Dominion. This contention should not be taken too seriously. Quebec, for example, sold $15,000,000 worth of five-year debentures in New York in May, at par, bearing two per cent interest. All the other provinces have been obtaining money in the past few years at rates as low or lower than Alberta will pay under the refunding scheme. This does not detract, however, from the very good rate the province has obtained.

From the standpoint of the bondholders the Alberta deal is highly advantageous. This is especially so of the holders of bonds which matured in the years 1936-45. Alberta government spokesmen have had much to say about the bondholders getting their "pound of flesh". They are certainly getting it under the refunding scheme.

THEY'VE MADE A KILLING

HOLDERS of Alberta bonds who bought at depressed prices during the years of default, have made a killing through the government's refunding arrangement.

Take the case of a one hundred dollar five per cent bond bought at seventy (they were selling much lower than that). The buyer has been receiving five per cent on $100, which is the same as slightly more than seven per cent on $70.00. At the government's reduced interest payments of half the contract rate, the bond has therefore been yielding slightly more than 3½% to the buyer.

But under the refunding deal he is now going to get a substantial premium in lieu of interest not paid. For example, there was one issue of bonds that matured in 1936 consisting of more than three million dollars, paying six per cent interest. The holders of these bonds have been receiving three per cent, which was not too bad. Now they are going to get a bonus of $240.60 on each $1000 debenture in lieu of unpaid interest. If they bought below par, say at seventy, they got the $1000 worth of bonds for $700. By receiving three per cent interest on $1000 since they bought, they have actually been receiving better than four per cent on their investment of $700. **But now they are going to get $1240.60 in cash for the bond, or a clear profit of $540.60 on a $700.00 investment.**

It is the people who had money with which they could afford to speculate, **or who knew that refunding was being arranged,** who made this killing. But the poorer people who were compelled to sell when the bonds were down as low as fifty and fifty-five per cent of their face value—they took a ruinous loss as a result of the government's policy.

At the spring session of the legislature the C.C.F. members urged the government to make an attempt to pay the losers at least some part of the handsome bonus which is now going to the lucky speculators. That was too much trouble.

The propaganda of Canadian big business is already being directed to the suggestion that if Canada is to be able to compete with other countries for export trade wages and prices of farm products will have to come down.

THE THIRD COLUMN

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"LONDON (by cable) . . . . . Frankly the Tories are worried and perplexed. The highest estimate I have heard is a government majority of 120, but this view is not held by the average candidate. The man who quoted 120 is high up in the Tory hierarchy and when I asked him why he put the majority at such a figure he replied: 'The vote was so big that it finally reached the apathetics and paralytics.'

"The cynic might gather from this that the Tory party is more richly endowed with these two classes of elector than other parties and there may be something in the view."—"Adelphi" in the Financial Post, July 21, 1945.

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"Nearly all the captured German industrialists said there was nothing wrong with the Hitler system except, perhaps, that it started this war. What was right with it in the view of these people? What did they want, and what did they get, from Hitler? The smashing of the trade unions. They were and are blind. They speak, not some peculiarly German mind, but the reactionary cartel mind."——Saturday Night, June 16, 1945.

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"For ourselves, we herewith publicly confess our error and bow in homage to the bobby-soxers. We were wrong. They were right. They had Frankie pegged out right from the beginning. Sinatra is more than another crooner; he is more than the butt for jokes of rival actors. He is a young man with sound instincts who is using his tremendous popularity with young people to wage a one-man campaign for the abolition of race and religious prejudice. So, with deep humility, we retract all our wisecracks. Young Mr. Sinatra has a new fan. We're for Sinatra now, and we're for him for good. What endears this little guy to us is not so much the speeches he is making. No; it is the fact that racial prejudice makes him mad, makes him so mad that his fists fly. Somehow it seems to us, if more people got fighting mad at racists, instead of accepting racial prejudice as a necessary evil, we would be closer to the achievement of a decent and tolerant world."—J. H. Gray, in Calgary Albertan.

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"It used to be Yalta, Bretton Woods, Dumbarton Oaks, San Francisco. NOW it's POTSDAM. Good heavens, where will it be next?"—N. B. James in The Canadian Social Crediter, July 19, 1945.

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"LONDON (by cable) . . Undoubtedly the Liberals have voted heavily and at the expense of the Tories. However, there is one cheering thought. Both Liberals and Tories advocated free enterprise and their combined vote will show overwhelming rejection of nationalization. We must extract comfort where we can."—"Adelphi" in the Financial Post, July 21, 1945.

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Capitalist Waste!

"SLOUGH, Eng.—Novelist J. B. Priestley said Sunday that American troops burned thousands of sheets and blankets and ran a steam-roller over tons of crockery before abandoning a large military hospital in Western England recently."—"Calgary Herald" June 25, 1945.

Saturday Night DISCUSSION

"Bingo! That'll larn ye!" Joe Mooney chuckled as he snapped the winning card onto the last trick to make his doubled no trump bid. "Most people would learn something about this game after they'd been playing it for a century or so".

"Horseshoes!" retorted Bill Ferguson. "Now if Jim had only played that nine of diamonds . . .

"Yeah, well . . ."

"Move over boys, soup's on". It was Judy Mooney, a coffee pot in one hand and a plate of sandwiches in the other, signalling the end of the night's play.

It was the Mooney's turn to act as hosts to the foursome whom Molly Ferguson, Bill's wife, had dubbed the "Four Foolosophers". The men, Bill Ferguson, railroad engineer, Jim Bruce, hardware merchant, Alex Manson, assistant professor at the university and Joe Mooney, at whose farm home 12 miles outside the city the friends were meeting, were enjoying their Saturday night bridge game, a long-established custom.

As usual the conversation over the lunch drifted from one topic to another until the current conference of the "Big Three" came into the talk.

"It's a sobering thought, isn't it?", Alex Manson said, "to think how much is involved in the conversation of those men in Berlin. The fate of millions of people now living, and millions more yet unborn, is tied up in the agreements, or disagreements, of three men around a table. Whether we live in a democracy or not there still must be great dependence on leaders".

"We've been amazingly fortunate in the type of leaders we've had in this critical time", Jim Bruce said.

Joe Mooney's blue eyes had a mischievous twinkle in them as he grinned across the table at his friend. "I'm glad to hear you say that Jim", he chuckled, "because I don't think they quite meet your oft-stated specifications for political leadership".

"What do you mean?" Bruce asked, suspicious of Joe's grin.

"Well, I seem to remember that I've heard you say a good many times that the biggest lack in government was something you called business brains. By gad, you can't have it both ways, Jim", Joe replied.

"I think I smell a trap", Bill smiled.

"Well surely Churchill . . ."

"No, Jim, I think Joe has you cornered", Alex Manson put in. "Churchill would have to start in as an apprentice in the hardware business to get as good a business brain as you have. Fact is, he is, and has been, just about everything that the ordinary successful business man is not".

"More of an adventurer than a black coat, eh Alex?" Bill queried.

"Something like that I should say", Alex returned. "Son of an old aristocratic family. Rated a poor student at Harrow he left it to go to the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. At 21 he joined the army. That was in 1895 and in the next half-dozen years he served in India and Africa. He was in the battle of Khartoum. He was in the South African war, where in addition to being a soldier he became a war correspondent. That was the beginning of his career as a writer."

"When did he go into parliament?" Joe Mooney asked.

"In 1900, and except for a very short period has been there ever since. I would say his career could be described as that of a soldier, writer and politician. He probably wouldn't like to be called a business man, Jim", Alex laughed.

"Well, I still say he has business brains", Jim retorted.

"By golly now, that's something, fellows. He admits that business brains may be found outside of a business man's head. I wonder if a poor benighted son of the soil might have some", Joe grinned.

"Let's have the dope on the rest of them, Alex", Bill Ferguson said. "How about Harry Truman?"

"Business record not so good, Bill", Alex replied. "It's not just the usual political window-dressing when they refer to Truman as a farm boy. He lived and worked on his father's farm until he was thirty-two."

"No business about that!" Joe Mooney exclaimed.

"Keep out of this, you!" Jim Bruce grinned.

"Well, he did into business at that. Went into partnership with another man in a men's furnishing store. But you'd scarcely call him the successful business man. The business went into bankruptcy and Truman ended up $20,000 in debt to crediters, which, by the way he paid back in the next ten years."

"Did he go back to the farm?" Bill asked.

"No, he got a small political job and got well into the party circles, later being chosen by the party machine as candidate for United States Senator, a job for which he had no particular ambition. Since then he has been what is known as a 'regular' among the party politicians, which accounts for him having been chosen as the compromise candidate for Vice-President. Funny things happen in politics", Alex replied.

"Never in Alberta!" Joe chuckled.

"But didn't Truman do a good job investigating war contracts as Chairman of a Senate committee?" Jim Bruce asked.

"Yes, he did, Jim", Alex answered. "And you might even say that in doing so he showed that he had good business brains, in spite of being unsuccessful in business", he added.

"That seems to dispose of the business brains idea, Jim", Joe Mooney grinned, "because you wouldn't say old Uncle Joe had 'em would you?"

"I suggest he should have them, Joe", Bill said. "He's the head of the biggest collection of businesses in the world. Our Sir Herbert Holt was a mere piker in comparison".

"I believe there is a lot of shallow thinking about the type of person who is likely to be successful in public life", Alex Manson said. "You see", he went on, "if a man has outstanding abilities he can use them in almost any activity. With a modest bow may I suggest that a good teacher might just as easily have been a good lawyer and lots of lawyers are first class business men. And fellows like Ernest Bevin and Herbert Morrison, who have done magnificent administrative jobs in the British war government — their fellow workers in the unions recognized their abilities. They could have been successful in anything to which they turned their hand".

"That's a darn good lesson for farmers and wage earners to learn, too", Joe Mooney said, with more seriousness than was his wont. "One of the greatest handicaps of real democracy, I think, is the lack of confidence ordinary people have in their own kind. They don't realize that representatives and leaders they may choose from among themselves have what it takes".

"I feel suitably squelched", Jim Bruce said, rising. "Will you other city slickers permit a mere business man to suggest that it is time to go home and let these hicks go to bed"?

"What does this expression, 'sez you', mean?" asked the British judge. The clerk of the court replied:

"My lord, it appears that this is a slang expression of American origin which has gained regrettable currency in the language of our people through the insidious agency of the cinema, and is, as I am led to understand, employed to indicate a state of dubiety in the mind of the speaker as to the veracity, or credibility of a statement made to him."

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Work and Fun

Lectures and consequent discussions are usually held in the open air on a grassy plot by the beach with an exquisite panorama of ocean, forest and mountain ranges. Morning sessions usually last about ninety minutes; afternoon's about an hour; evening sessions about the same, occasionally shortened to admit an entertainment period ending up with campfire singsongs.

Central Theme

Lectures usually centre around a single theme. This year the program is focussed on "A C.C.F. Government in B.C." The Leader of the Opposition, Harold Winch will open the school, choosing as subjects "A C.C.F. Government in B.C." and "Social Ownership of Electric Power."

CCYM in Charge

The last week is in charge of the CCYM. Bernard Webber will inject lectures on "An Education Program for B.C." and "Election Strategy" but the general line will be "Youth in the C.C.F." and "Planning for Action."

Cultural Subjects

Cultural subjects by well-known authorities are not neglected. On the program are "Art and Music," "Plays of Social Significance", "Creative Art in Education." Special classes in "Socialist Economics" will also be held during the school by W. W. Lefeaux, M.L.A., and W. B. Caird.

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—WILLIAM MANDALE,
C.C.F. Summer School Mgr.

CCF NEWS

CAMPAIGN MANAGER REPORTS

Jasper-Edson—A meeting of the Board of Directors of Jasper-Edson was held on Friday, July 20, with a full attendance of Directors present.

The Campaign Manager presented a report on the recent election showing an expenditure of $1,938.43 and receipts of $1,578.45.

It was agreed that the deficit of $359.98 be divided among the Provincial Constituencies and an effort be made to have the amount collected by August 31st.

The meeting spent a considerable time discussing further organization work and passed several recommendations to the annual convention of Jasper-Edson constituency which will be held on the day previous to the Provincial Convention in Edmonton.

HESLOP, PRESIDENT

Bruce—The annual Convention for Bruce Provincial Constituency was held at Viking on July 20, 1945. The meeting was well attended by approximately 40 delegates and reports for the year's activities were received. Delegates from all parts of the Constituency were present and the following Board was elected for the coming year:

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WILL NATIONALIZE AUSSIE AIRLINES

MELBOURNE, Australia — A Bill to nationalize Australian interstate airlines, introduced to the House of Representatives by Air Minister Arthur Drakeford, provides for the establishment of a statutory corporation of five members to be known as the Australian National Airlines Commission. The Commission will be responsible for "safe, efficient and economically operated airline services between the States of the Commonwealth, between state and Commonwealth Territories and within Commonwealth Territories." With Ministerial approval, the Commission's powers may be extended to cover Australian-owned international services.

Mr. Drakeford said Government ownership would encourage local manufacture of aircraft and would provide better co-operation of civil and Royal Australian Air Force requirements. The Bill was the first great step towards harnessing these forces to the service of the people. Its real service was to translate man's mastery of the air into something socially practicable. He said that Government investments in ground facilities to be used by civil aviation exceeded $36,000,000 — more than eight times the investment among private operators.

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Second Profit

"Why can't we buy these things directly from the government?" Mr. Collins, a fiery young veteran of this war, demanded. "Why don't they just have large central depots where the goods are advertised for sale to the public, instead of letting the business firms make a second profit on it all?"

Mr. Collins told the CPA reporter that his branch of the Legion had written directly to War Assets Corporation regarding the purchase of a station wagon. The reply said in part:

"It is the usual procedure of the Corporation to route such equipment, when available as surplus, back through the normal trade channels, i.e. to manufacturers, dealers, distributors, etc. We do not sell to consumers direct."

Taken for a Ride

"The soldiers are being taken for a ride," Mr. Collins said.

There was no way for the public to know when surplus goods are being offered for sale, Mr. Collins added. When such equipment became available he thought that it should be advertised instead of being bought up, "very privately", by the original manufacturers.

Rumors that the Department of Munitions and Supply assured such automotive manufacturers as Ford, Chrysler and General Motors, that surpluses would be disposed of according to their wishes, will no doubt come up for review during the next session of the House of Commons.

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Insecurity Breeds Hatred

By Pearl S. Buck, noted author

SO MUCH has been written on the subject of discrimination, so much said, that now all words fail, as words always fail, unless they reach the sources of action. The place of words, their task and duty, is to inform. If information succeeds in stirring the imagination, in producing conviction and if out of conviction there is determination for action, then words have done their part.

In the matter of discrimination the process is incomplete. So much information has been spread about through words, that any school child knows that he should not discriminate against his schoolmate who is not of the same race or religion as himself. Yet he continues to discriminate. Discrimination goes on everywhere in our country, in spite of legislation against it, in spite of labor shortages, in spite of the fact that Negroes and Jews are fighting as bravely for our country as white men and Gentiles.

Oldest Civilizations

Nor can common sense persuade. Most of the people in the world today are colored, not white. Out of this war the two most populous countries will emerge, strong and ready to take leading places in the world, as Russia emerged out of the last war. China will rise first and then India, two nations who between them have nearly half the world's people and great natural resources. Nor are these peoples savage. On the contrary, they are the two oldest and most permanent civilizations. Yet we constantly alienate both Chinese and Indians by our color discrimination.

And in our own hemisphere we forget that South America is made up of countries which have no discrimination and which are insulted by our color prejudice and distrust for it. Our Good Neighbor Policy has been vitiated by our color prejudice as any honest South American will tell us.

Keep Our Prejudices

Common sense and a practical point of view, not to mention good business, should persuade us to give up our prejudice, and still we persist in it. Our future depends upon good-will with all these peoples of Asia and South America. Future wars are inevitable without such good-will, but we prefer to do without good-will, in order to keep our prejudice.

Nor will we listen to scientists. In the last few years anthropologists have united in proving to us that color and creed and nationality have nothing to do with the superior human being. We are deaf and blind to scientific truth when it comes to our prejudice.

Truth, expediency, our own security and even the lives of our children mean nothing to us. In this age of science and achievement we cling to our superstitions.

Rooted in Fear

How can this be explained? It can only be explained by saying that the prejudice which leads to discrimination in its manifold forms is not a matter of reason but of emotion, not of mind but of feeling. This emotion, this feeling is rooted in fear. Were fear removed, prejudice would disappear with it.

Springs from Insecurity

What is this fear which makes us hate our fellow man? It is a fear which springs from social insecurity and economic insecurity. As long as these two insecurities prevail, as they do so generally throughout American life, prejudice and therefore discrimination will prevail. Russia was not able to eliminate discrimination among her many peoples until she moved to establish dual security, social and economic. The first she accomplished by government declaration of equality among all her peoples, which made discrimination an unsocial act, and the second she accomplished by the simple experiment of making sure that every individual was certain to have the same economic opportunity, with guarantee for care in sickness and old age.

Can Gain These Ends

America will not gain these ends by Russia's methods, but we can gain them successfully by our own. Our government can declare discrimination illegal, as indeed it is, as well as undemocratic, and prosecute it as criminal. We can provide equal opportunity for all, and certainly we can provide care for all in sickness and old age. When these fears are taken out of our lives, the sources of prejudice will be removed. Habit then will die.

Must Attack Source

What we ought to work for is security for all people. Within the framework of our society this can be done. Excessive profits can be used for the people's security, and employment can be guaranteed and stabilized within our democratic system. Our system fails only when it becomes undemocratic, when individuals and groups gain more than their share of profit and power and so establish around themselves new areas of fear in others. All our organizations for doing away with discrimination will go on being the static bureaucracies that they are unless they attack the sources of the emotions which produce prejudices.

United Attack

Still less will these organizations succeed so long as each is fighting for its own. Those who oppose equality, whose interest it is to foster prejudice, may continue in their present complacency and ease so long as Negroes are fighting only for Negroes, Jews for Jews, labor for labor, women for women, and down the long list of the discriminated against. But when all these groups can attack together the sources of inequality, when they fight for human equality instead of just for their own, then we will see present complacency disturbed and ease become uneasiness. To be sure, this basic fight for human equality will also mean freedom for India and Puerto Rico, and Korea and Africa; it will mean justice for China and Poland and all other peoples, but that means security for all and therefore for us. No one country is safe if safety for all is not provided for and guaranteed.

In Terms of the World

The day of small things, of partial achievement, is past. The principles which the people of England have found necessary for their happiness, are also necessary for the people of India. Those things which the white people in our own country declare essential for themselves are essential for our colored people, and Jew must be as secure as Gentile within our world. Only so can all be secure. No group can think only of itself today without standing condemned of the folly and ignorance which make peace and safety impossible. All must think in terms of the world.

Security for All

How is this to be done? It is simple enough. All groups should build toward social and economic security for all. I should like to see a combined effort for the removal of prejudice concentrate upon the removal of the causes of fear, fear in the white man, fear in the Gentile, fear in the Jew, fear in the Negro. Two bold and mighty strokes, one for an equalized society, one for an equalized economy, both possible within our democracy, both indeed essential if our democracy is real, and the thing would be done.

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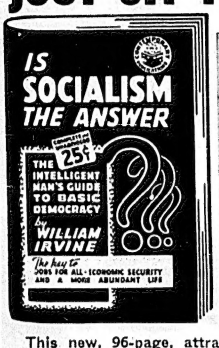

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So You're Going To The Fair?

By "SUCKER"

PERHAPS you are one of the few people who watch the Horse Races without betting, and take in the midway attraction and call it an enjoyable day. Perhaps, however, you are one of the many who just can't resist the temptation to gamble just a buck or two on the chance you might bring home one of those swell radios, portable typewriters or win a Daily Double.

Well, if you must bet at the Fair, do your betting where there is a chance of winning. Plunk the odd dollar on the ponies if you must. Horse racing is the sport of Kings, and if you are smart you will leave it to Kings, but if it is more fun not to be smart, then confine yourself to the Pari-mutuals and Bingo. Each of these games if operated honestly will pay back about 40 per cent of what you put in, and believe me 40 per cent is better than nothing.

The other games, if they could be called games, cannot be won. There is a secret of operation behind every one of them that eliminates the possibilities of chance and proves you are a sucker if you try to play them.

Let us for a moment look behind the scenes of one or two of them. "Crown and Anchor"—the old Army game, at one time paid out in the same way the Pari-mutuals do, about 40 per cent of what is put in. But the tough egg operating the wheel long ago decided that even 40 per cent was too much. The modern "Crown and Anchor" wheel operated in a Midway concession is fool-proof, and incidentally "win" proof.

He Always Pays

The operator usually holds a small suction cup between his fingers which he sticks to the back of the wheel as he spins it. This provides perfect control of where the wheel will stop so that the "stooge" on the outside always wins. The wheel, however, may be a more expensive one that is controlled by a brake much like that on the wheel of a car, but in any case the wheel is under perfect control at all times so that the sucker always pays.

You Won't!

Another good gag that really pays off is the "3 Balls in the Barrel." Who has not looked on to see the operator making all 3 balls roll out through the hole in the bottom and marvelled at how easy it must be to win a swell doll on that one? Breathes there a man with soul so dead who has not finally succumbed to the coaxing mug with the cane, and tried a free shot. Of course, it was simple and very soon you decide to throw in a buck and bring the little woman home one of those dolls. Brother, you won't! You may spend a dollar or ten dollars but you won't win. Right before your eyes the operator fixed that barrel so that Houdini himself, couldn't win. The secret?—it was simple. The moment you had paid that dollar, the boy with the powerful lungs nonchalantly tossed his cane onto the netting to which the barrel is attached. The added tension is all that is required.

Perhaps you would like to try one of these really big games where you roll six marbles to get a combination that will add up to a red number and win one of those swell radios or portable typewriters, etc.

Again let us consider. Your reporter asked the manager of a local midway how he was able to get new radios when none had been manufactured for five years. He laughed and admitted he had not. You guessed it, there were exactly the same radios and typewriters he had been carrying around five years ago. Five years taking money from suckers and he hadn't lost a prize yet.

You are not playing odds at that game, you just can't win!

Mathematicians can tell you that certain combinations of figures can be arranged so that they just will not add up to certain totals. If you have ever played cribbage and tried to make a hand count 19, you will know what they mean. Well, that is the way this game works, or more correctly, won't work for you. Even if you took each marble one at a time and placed it in a pocket you couldn't make the result add up to a win.

But you say, you took a free throw and did win. Oh, no you didn't. The operator just added or subtracted one during his addition to make you think you had won. You were playing free anyway, so why should you check his addition that time.

It may be fun to be a sucker, but you had better stick to the ponies, someone will win 40 cents of every dollar you play there.

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REFUNDING

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terest. If the province had not defaulted and the various issues had been refunded as they matured the rate would have been much lower.

Cash Premium

Taking as an example an issue which matured in 1936, the government is paying a cash premium of $240.60 on each $1000 debenture. This is in addition to $270 paid in interest in nine years under the government's reduced rate, making a total of $510.60. If the holder had been paid the full 6 per cent from 1936 on, he would have received only $29.40 more.

"This is giving them the full pound of flesh", Mr. Roper said, "and it doesn't mitigate it much to know that Mr. Ilsley assisted the provincial treasurer in wielding the scalpel".

Lower Rates in Other Provinces

The C.C.F. leader quoted from schedules which he had received from the provincial treasurers of the other eight provinces, showing that in the refunding of issues maturing between 1936 and 1945 a much lower rate than the previous one had been secured. Citing an issue of 6 per cent bonds amounting to $3,000,000 that matured in Saskatchewan in 1936, he showed that money to pay off the bondholders had been obtained for 3¾%, later reduced to 3% and further reduced this year to 2½%. A similar Alberta issue maturing in 1936 comes under the present refunding scheme and the bondholders will have received in interest and bonus an amount equivalent to 5.67% for the entire nine years.

Savings Exaggerated

Mr. Roper charged that government speakers were not adhering to the facts when they claimed that huge savings had been made to the province by government policy. Under the tax agreement with the federal government two options were given to the provinces in 1941. They could have the Dominion a sum equal to that ment of debt charges of the province, or they could get from the Dominion a su mequal to that which had been collected by the province in income and corporation taxes in the previous year.

Alberta had to accept the smaller sum because it was defaulting on interest payments. Otherwise the federal government would have been paying the entire debt charges of the province since 1941. It was therefore only in the years 1936 to 1941 that savings were made by defaulting on half the contract rate of interest, and even in those years other provinces were refunding at much lower rates than the Alberta bondholders have received on are receiving for those years under the present refunding scheme.

Giving approval to the lower rate which will be paid for the thirty-five years covering the term of the new issues under the refunding scheme, the C.C.F. leader admitted that the average rate to be paid by Alberta was lower than that now prevailing in other provinces. He pointed out, however, that in all refunding being done by other provinces the rates being obtained were just as low or lower.

SO YOU WANT TO

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it is one of these loan companies and not the government that provides the money. True, the government has taken most of the risk out of it for the loan company, and it does provide a portion of the money to the loan company at a nominal rate of interest, but it is to a loan company you must go for a loan, and it is a loan company who collects the 4½ per cent charged on a housing loan.

Widely Misrepresented

The second and perhaps the most widely misrepresented and misunderstood feature of a National Housing Loan is that you need only $400 to build a house. Again, nothing could be further from the truth.

This is the story. With a view to guaranteeing the safety of such loans, and secondly perhaps to raising the standard of housing, the act specifies in detail how such a house must be built. The National Housing Act Memorandum of Specifications contains 42 pages of closely printed specifications demanding a standard of construction not formerly adhered to even in houses of the Fifteen-Twenty thousand dollar class, yet these are the standards to which homes for the working people must be built. True, working people need and should have the best possible homes, but when the choice is between a home of this quality or sleeping on the street, then there certainly is room for some modification of the standards as set down by the Act.

Nothing Under $6,000

The outcome of this is, that one contractor admitted that the lowest-priced house a first-class architect was able to design to conform to N.H.A. standards, cost well over $6,000. Now $6,000 is a lot of money for an ordinary wage-earner to pay back to a mortgage company, even over 20 years.

You, however, may be one who is willing to stick your neck out that far, and by referring to the propaganda booklet published by the Dominion Government, you decide to really get your nose to the grindstone and save a thousand dollars instead of the four hundred you originally thought you would need. But don't rush out and hock the radio and washing machine just yet. One thousand dollars is all the money you would require to build this little minimum cost home if the Loan companies and the National Housing Administrator decided to appraise your new house at $6,000; but they won't!

Not for Low Incomes

You will be called upon to provide four copies of all the required blueprints, and four copies of detailed specifications covering your house, plus two formal applications for a loan. When you have provided all of these things, they must be forwarded to Ottawa, where someone who may get his orders from the Dominion Department of Finance, but who more likely takes orders from the Loan companies, appraises your plan and decides how much of a loan you and your plan are worthy of, and it cannot be more than twice your average yearly income. Again, a contractor familiar with the National Housing Act, stated that the maximum loan he had seen anyone get on a house of this size was less than $4,000.

Now, if a house costs you $6,000 and you can borrow only $4,000 with which to build it, then anyone, with perhaps the exception of the Dominion Government, can see that you will require $2,000 cash.

You may be able to shave this cash payment somewhat by working out an agreement with your contractor, but unless you have $1500 in cold cash and an income of more than $2,000 a year, you had better pitch a tent, the National Housing Act is not for you.

Synthetic Snow

By Clifford E. Lee

WARTIME research on plastics, light metals and other materials has opened up many possibilities. Conditional on a functioning economy here are some of the things you can expect in the next year or so:

Made from ordinary sand is a "synthetic snow". It looks like finely powdered snow. It is extremely light and has high buoyant and insulating properties. It has been used packed into life rafts to help them float and into flying suits to keep out the cold. Scientists have found how to pour "synthetic snow" between two layers of cloth, seal it there with plastic "stitching". The resulting material is warmer than a Persian Lamb coat or even a couple of suits of red flannels. There seems no reason why a winter coat should weigh any more than a sports jacket. As insulation in a refrigerator it gives nearly double the storage space for the same size refrigerator.

A new vacuum cleaner will weigh only about 6½ pounds. Instead of the clumsy dirt bag it will have a quick-emptying plastic cup.

One of the large tire manufacturers has recently patented a tubeless uninflated automobile tire. Foam rubber will replace the familiar upholstery in automobile seats. You bounce along in sublime comfort with no worry about "flats".

Navy bakers have developed a new flour. One of their problems has been that ordinary bread won't last long enough for long voyages. By adding a certain percentage of soya bean flour a bread can be produced which remains mold-free and fresh for upwards of twenty days. Out of the way places and fishing trips may profit from the discovery.

Your post-war home may use this: A new adhesive binds wood to metal. It makes possible a 1/48 inch ply of wood combined with a thin layer of steel. The material can readily be cut or bent smoothly. It is decorative, durable, fireproof.

A Bit of Nonsense

"And do you love me so much that you would leave home for me?" she asked, her head on his shoulder.

"I love you so much," he answered, "that for you I would leave a baseball game in the ninth inning with the score tied, three men on base and two out."

The anxiously expectant father had been pacing the room nervously, biting his nails, when the nurse apeared with the news that he had a baby daughter.

"Thank God, it's a girl," said the father. "She'll never have to go through what I have!"

"Aren't you the little girl who used to shrink from my embraces?"

"I don't recoil at the moment."

About the time of the jubilee of the widowed Queen Victoria two old Scotswomen were overheard on a London street in the following conversation.

"Can you tell me, wuman," said one, "what it is they call a jubilee?"

"Well, it's this," replied the other. "When folks has been married 25 years that's a silver weddin', and when they have been married 50 years that's a golden weddin'. But if the man's dead, then it's a jubilee."

Said the skunk when the wind changed: "It all comes back to me now."

Unity Council to Hold Picnic Sunday

The Council for Canadian Unity is holding a picnic and entertainment in which many cultural groups have been invited to take part, at No. 3 picnic grounds, Victorial Park, Sunday July 29, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to races and the usual picnic activities, there will be a variety of folk dances, songs and other forms of Folk art suitable to the occasion. The public is invited to attend. Mrs. Cora Casselman will be the guest speaker. In charge of arrangements are Mrs. C. Dobell, Mrs. D. Raragosky, Mrs. John Hudyma, Mrs. N. Kinisky and Mrs. Reta Rowan.

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YOUTH of TOMORROW

BY THE C.C.Y.M. - THE YOUTH SECTION OF THE C.C.F.

INCIDENTAL OPINION

Excerpts from a newspaper clipping supplied by Irving Ornest:

"I don't believe suffering ever improved anybody." This statement, made by the 19-year old editor of a college newspaper in New York State, brought in so many controversial letters that the reporter who first interviewed the girl felt impelled to write another article on the subject. His comments should be of interest to all young people and to all those concerned with young people.

He says: "If it is true that suffering improves people, then does it follow that we should strive for a world in which there is a maximum of suffering. Obviously not. Although there are people who argue that such things as labor unions, Federal aid for unemployed, and socialized medicine are bad because they tend to relieve suffering, thereby making Americans soft."

Naomi Horowitz, the young editor, is a girl who comes from a wealthy family and has never known the harsher aspects of life. The reporter therefore goes on to say, "I was startled by some of the things she said but I realized, even at the time, she was in many ways the kind of human being we are trying to produce. Some of Naomi's attitudes grow out of the fact that she has never known poverty. All right, a world in which children will never know poverty is what we want, isn't it? She has had the kind of home life and education that good liberals would like all children to have—but she has had these advantages at a time when most young people are not having them. Her parents were able to create a small Utopia for her to grow up in. The trouble is that the real world is a hell of a long way from being Utopian. Naomi knows enough about the arts but not enough about the real world. Any adult who has been completely shielded from suffering during a period in which large numbers of people are suffering a great deal must be put down as emotionally ignorant.

"The world has no abstract importance. Abstractly it is just a big ball of dirt. It is important only as the place where human beings grow and develop, little by little, into better human beings. Anybody who is interested in the world but not in the young human beings who inhabit it is, in my opinion, an eccentric."

FORSHEE

Since the last report printed in this column the Forshee CCYM club has held three meetings. Their club activities have not slackened, and, although we were all disappointed in the election results it did not discourage us, but rather acted as a stimulus for a more determined effort to educate the youth of our country in the field of social planning and economics.

Since the last report our club membership has increased from 10 to 16. We have also accomplished much on our educational program, and our social committee are hard at work planning a CCYM picnic.

We are pleased to report that there are prospects of forming another CCYM club in this vicinity and we of the Forshee CCYM will do all in our power to help them get started.

The results of the next election depends on us of the CCYM. Through our efforts during the next five years we can make possible a CCF victory. The members of the Forshee CCYM are aware of these facts and will act accordingly.

—ERNEST INGRAM.

SASKATCHEWAN

This season the Saskatchewan CCYM have been enjoying a series of highly successful summer camps. These camps are places where people can relax and have fun and get better acquainted, although they also have their serious side. Discussions and lectures by various prominent speakers are a feature of these camps. Next year we hope to have a big provincial summer camp in Alberta on these lines. So don't forget to be watching for the notices next spring.

JUST A REMINDER

CCYM'ers—don't forget those memberships. In the last issue we mentioned the importance of all old members renewing their membership and of any new members taking out a membership as soon as possible. The provincial secretary would like to hear from all you local clubs, and members at large, and she would appreciate a few 50 cent pieces still more.

--PICKIN'S--

We have just finished Matthew Halton's "Ten Years to Alamein". Alberta and Pincher Creek in particular should be proud of him. The book is well worth reading as it contains a lot of meat (unrationed). The words of Sir Stafford Cripps stand out a mile. Asked if it was humanitarianism which turned him toward Socialism—"Only partly,—the chief reason is that this society is so shockingly inefficient and crude that it is an affront to an ordered mind. It is needs, not profits, that must be the drive-wheel of the modern world," and "No, you cannot Christianize capitalism."

To come back to Halton's observation "Idealism is the only realism. In the 10 year period of which I have written the 'hard-headed realists'—the Chamberlains and Wheelers—have been wrong on every count; the woolly-minded idealists, the Cecils and the Wallaces, have been right on every single count."

It's a good book, real good.

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The other day I stood before a Roll of Honor. 200 employees at war.

When someone is found murdered the first step the detectives take is to find out who might benefit financially through the death. That's a sensible step, and if we take the same step in determining the cause of wars it will take us in the right direction.

We will be somewhat handicapped by the fact that those who instigate, finance and bring about wars, always keep out of the limelight.

The Hitlers and Mussolinis are kept in the news and are made to shoulder the blame while the real culprits are cashing in and keeping out of the news.

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Nature literally shouts, "Abundance for all". Technology answers, "We're with you". The Conservative says, "It ain't practical."

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In less than five years, corporations have taken from society almost as much as they were able to accumulate in all the years previous to 1939!—And these are the same ducks who put speakers on the radio, and writers in the press, to tell us that their taxes should be reduced 'as a stimulus to private enterprise.'

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The man who is able to visualize clearly, either a piece of machinery, or an economic plan is in a much better position to say whether it will work or not than is the man with no vision and no desire to investigate even though, in many ways, the latter man may be a howling success in some field.

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Teamwork—The wolf scratching at the door while the stork hovers over the chimney with another mouth to feed.

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Justice will make charity unnecessary.

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A good minister is always willing to help Mammon return part of his ill-gotten gains.

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If prayer were half as effective as it is said to be, it would save a lot of ammunition.

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"As for the New Testament, that I could arrange in logical sequence: Brotherhood, non-violence and equality. But Sunday moral sermons—besmirched with Monday greed, vice and contentious ignorance—seemed a crazy crossword puzzle: a strong box with no key. Were I ever called upon to define Socialism the response would be 'Christianity (not priestcraft applied.'—(A. C. Gregerson)

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Socialists are not 'born that way'. That is the accident that happens to members of the old parties. Socialists are the product of education and constructive thinking.

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Don't judge a married woman too harshly if she flirts with the butcher. She's probably playing for bigger steaks.

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Pass the pickles please.

PERSONAL STUFF

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know of anywhere else where there is a similar phenomenon. Springs flowed out of the sand below the high tide line and when the tide was out you scooped a hole in the sand where the water was bubbling through, and there was a flowing well of the purest, freshest, coldest, and what I remember as the most refreshing, water one could drink. People came down to the shore when the tide was out and filled their pails. To make it easier to carry two pails they used a hoop. By grasping two sides of the hoop with the handles of the pails, and walking inside the hoop, the pails were thus held out from their sides. It may sound awkward the way I write it, but it didn't look awkward and there was no doubt an engineering principle involved that could be explained in scientific terms.

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But about the swimming. In that one summer most of the boys with whom we played in the village learned to swim, and to enjoy it. We were ignorant little city boys, and knew it, in relation to most of the activities of the cove, but we made the most of our superiority in the one water skill which for some reason was neglected by the village youngsters. If I remember rightly we didn't maintain our advantage very long. When we alone could swim far out beyond our depth, and even out to the rocky island in the bay beyond the cove, we were pretty chesty about it. But before the summer was over all the rest of them were doing the same things. I wonder if they went on to become as proficient in the water as they were on it. Probably not, but at least some kids had learned to swim that summer who might never have done so. Once when on a voyage to New York with my father in the Basutoland, we put in one evening to Vineyard Haven on Long Island and the members of the crew who could swim went in for a dip. Out of the ten or a dozen sailors I think there were about three who had learned to swim. I don't think that was unusual among the men who in those days went down to the sea in ships.

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Reminiscing is probably a disease the symptoms of which should be steadfastly resisted, and maybe I won't let it go too far. The fact is this column for the past couple of years has drifted away from its original purpose, which was to have something in the paper that would definitely not be political or deal with economics. Blame elections for the fact that there has been little but politics and economics in it. But, unless the other few besides myself who may read it have too much objection, I intend to shun politics and economics in this corner from now on. O.K.?

MRS. CHURCHILL'S ADVT. GETS WRATHY UNION REPLY

By "Herald" Reporter

LONDON, Eng.—Today (July 2) Mrs. Churchill's private secretary at No. 10, Downing-street will get a letter replying to her advertisement in the "Daily Telegraph" for an under-gardener and his wife, "willing to help in the house," for £2 15s. a week.

It will be a letter from Mr. Alfred Dann, general secretary of the National Union of Agricultural Workers, expressing the disgust of the members of his union.

Mrs. Churchill's "small ad" caused an uproar when it was read out at the annual conference of Norfolk branch of the union at Norwich on Saturday.

This is the text:

"Mrs. Churchill requires second gardener of two for Chartwell, Westerham, Kent; wife willing to help in the house; wages £2 15s. per week with good cottage. Write giving full particulars to Mrs. Churchill's private secretary, 10, Downing-street, London, S.W.1."

The delegates had been discussing measures to better the standard of living for young farm workers.

They had just framed a resolution urging higher wages for workers under 21, including a 10s. a week rise for those aged 20, when Mr. G. W. Dack, a delegate, drew attention to the advertisement.

Should be Members

Mr. Dack declared, "This is the sort of thing which encourages employers to underpay private gardeners. It is high time that private gardeners were brought into the union."

The copy of the "Daily Telegraph" containing the advertisement was re-read to the meeting by the president, Mr. E. G. Gooch, who is Labor candidate for North Norfolk.

Mr. Dann commented, "Private gardeners don't come under the Wages Act, so they are open to be exploited in this way.

Poverty Wage

"A Labor Government would bring them within the terms of the Act. But it is astounding to see the family of the leader of the country offering this poverty wage to a married couple."

Mr. Dann announced that the union Executive would consider the advertisement at its next meeting and decide what action it might be possible to take.

Afterwards he told me, "I shall write myself to No. 10 and say what this union thinks of the advertisement.

"Taking the Churchill cottage into account, the wage offered is only £2 19s.—and that is for the services of the gardener's wife as well as the gardener.

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